

For Six Month Period Ending December 31, 2008
(Insert date)

I - REGISTRANT

1. (a) Name of Registrant

(b) Registration No. **529**

BELGIAN TOURIST OFFICE

(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant

**220 East 42nd Street, Suite 3402
NEW YORK, NY 10017**

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following:

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| (a) | If an individual: | | |
| | (1) Residence address(es) | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | (2) Citizenship | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | (3) Occupation | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (b) | If an organization: | | |
| | (1) Name | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | (2) Ownership or control | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | (3) Branch offices | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

(c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in items (a) and (b) above.

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IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4 AND 5(a).

3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C¹, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, please attach the required amendment.

¹ The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.)

4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position	Date connection ended
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- (b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence address	Citizenship	Position	Date assumed
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5. (a) Has any person named in item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such person and describe his service.

- (b) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or connection	Date terminated
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- (c) During this 6 month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence address	Citizenship	Position	Date assumed
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6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(c) of the supplemental statement?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal

Date of termination

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal² during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name and address of foreign principal

Date acquired

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principals² whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

10. **EXHIBITS A AND B**

(a) Have you filed for each of the newly acquired foreign principals in Item 8 the following:

Exhibit A ³	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Exhibit B ⁴	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

(b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during the 6 month period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required amendment.

² The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in Section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a) (9).) A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

³ The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form NSD-3 (Formerly CRM-157), sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

⁴ The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form NSD-4 (Formerly CRM-155), sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

III - ACTIVITIES

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11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

The Belgian Tourist Office in New York promotes travel to Belgium to individuals. We talk to trade representatives who cover Belgium and Europe. We promote Belgium in the press as well as with travel agents on behalf of the Belgian Tourist Office

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12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity⁵ as defined below? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates and places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

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13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits any or all of your foreign principals? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, describe fully.

⁵ The term "political activities" means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

14. (a) RECEIPTS - MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, explain why.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies⁶.

Date	From whom	Purpose	Amount
7/3/08	OPT	operational expenses	\$ 53,000 -
10/22/08	OPT		\$ 90,000 -
11/25/08			\$ 90,000 -
12/11/08			\$ 138,474 -
12/23/08	BITC		\$ 4,974 -
			Total
			\$ 376,448 -

(b) RECEIPTS - FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fund raising campaign⁷, any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D⁸ to your registration? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date _____

(c) RECEIPTS - THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value⁹ other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal	Date received	Description of thing of value	Purpose
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6, 7 A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, money, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fund raising campaign. (See Rule 201(e).)

8 An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fund raising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.

9 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

15. (a) **DISBURSEMENTS – MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes ☐ No ☐(2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, explain in full detail why there were no disbursements made on behalf of any foreign principal.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To whom	Purpose	Amount
7/1/08	12/31/08	Staff. Salaries	\$ 130,050 ⁰¹
7/1/08	12/31/08	Various vendors administration	\$ 176,189 ⁸⁴
7/1/08	12/31/08	Various vendors Public relation marketing	\$ 120,465 ⁴²
7/1/08	12/31/08	Various vendors expense budget	\$ 177,074 ²⁵

Total

\$ 603,779⁵²

(b) DISBURSEMENTS – THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value¹⁰ other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date disposed	Name of person to whom given	On behalf of what foreign principal	Description of thing of value	Purpose
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(c) DISBURSEMENTS – POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value¹¹ in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or thing of value	Name of political organization	Name of candidate
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^{10, 11} Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks" and the like.

V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials¹²?
 Yes ☒ No ☐

IF YES, RESPOND TO THE REMAINING ITEMS IN SECTION V.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

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 Rue Saint Bernard, 30
 Brussels 1060
 Belgium

18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

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 Brussels 1060
 Belgium

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Radio or TV broadcasts | <input type="checkbox"/> Magazine or newspaper articles | <input type="checkbox"/> Motion picture films | <input type="checkbox"/> Letters or telegrams |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising campaigns | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Press releases | <input type="checkbox"/> Pamphlets or other publications | <input type="checkbox"/> Lectures or speeches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internet | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ | | |

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public officials | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers | <input type="checkbox"/> Libraries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legislators | <input type="checkbox"/> Editors | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational institutions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government agencies | <input type="checkbox"/> Civic groups or associations | <input type="checkbox"/> Nationality groups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ | | |

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

☒ English ☐ Other (specify) _____

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☒ No ☐

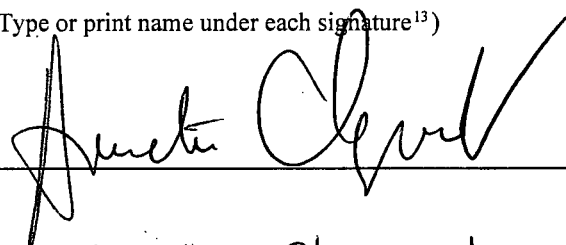
23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act? Yes ☒ No ☐

¹² The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

VI – EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. §1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to the truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)

1/20/09(Type or print name under each signature¹³)Annette Choyneck:

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¹³ This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FARA REGISTRATION UNIT
NATIONAL SECURITY DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

NOTICE

Please answer the following questions and return this sheet in triplicate with your Supplemental Statement:

1. Is your answer to Item 16 of Section V (Informational Materials – page 8 of Form NSD-2, formerly Form CRM-154 Supplemental Statement):

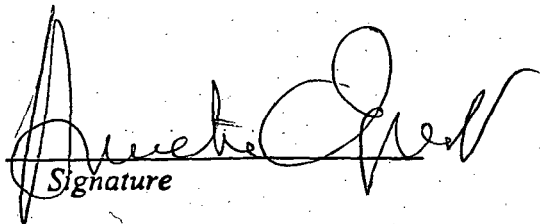
YES _____ or NO _____

(If your answer to question 1 is "yes" do not answer question 2 of this form.)

2. Do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration:

YES _____ or NO _____

(If your answer to question 2 is "yes" please forward for our review copies of all material including: films, film catalogs, posters, brochures, press releases, etc. which you have disseminated during the past six months.)


Signature

1/29/09
Date

Director / ANNETTE CHOYNACKI
Please type or print name of
Signatory on the line above

Director
Title

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U.S. Department of Justice

National Security Division

Washington, DC 20530

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STATEMENT - PLEASE EXECUTE IN TRIPPLICATE

SHORT-FORM REGISTRATION INFORMATION SHEET

SECTION A

The Department records list active short-form registration statements for the following persons of your organization filed on the date indicated by each name. If a person is not still functioning in the same capacity directly on behalf of the foreign principal, please show the date of termination.

Short Form List for Registrant: Belgian National Tourist Office

Last Name	First Name and Other Names	Registration Date	Termination Date	Role
Choynecki	Annette			

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U.S. Department of Justice

National Security Division

Washington, DC 20530

SECTION B

In addition to those persons listed in Section A, list below all current employees rendering services directly on behalf of the foreign principals(s) who have not filed short-form registration statements. (Do not list clerks, secretaries, typists or employees in a similar or related capacity). If there is some question as to whether an employee has an obligation to file a short-form, please address a letter to the Registration Unit describing the activities and connection with the foreign principal.

Name	Function	Date Hired

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Title: _____

Director

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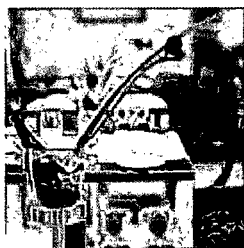
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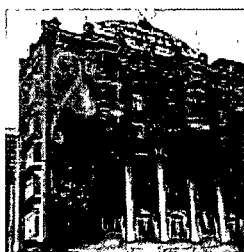
STAY IN BRUSSELS FOR LESS : The Hotel Saint-Nicolas, a step away from the Grand Place offers weekend rates from **69 €** with breakfast included. The Atlas Hotel, behind the "Bourse", offers weekend rates starting at **75 €** and everyday from December 14th to 29th, 2008. Residence les Ecrins, near Place St. Catherine, has winter rates from **80 €** and from December 15, 2008 to January 31, 2009, the room rate in euro = the room rate in dollars. The Thon Brussels City, near 'La Rue Neuve' lined with shops, cafés and restaurants, offers rates from **89 €** with breakfast included. In French-speaking Wallonia, the Infotel, a hotel with historic charm right in the center of **MONS**, guests can enjoy a package from **90 €** that includes breakfast, ice skating & hot cocoa.



EAT MUSSELS AND FRIES FOR THANSGIVING : The Hilton Brussels City, near the pedestrian Rue Neuve shopping district and walking distance to the Grand' Place has a special rate from **119 €** with breakfast . The Hotel Silken Berlaymont in the heart of the European district, entices guests with a rate from **130 €** including breakfast, one day pass to the spa and a guided tour of the city by bus. The Progress Hotel, a newly-constructed city hotel, offers rates from **160 €**. The Conrad Brussels, located on the famed and highly- fashionable Avenue Louise, offers a thanksgiving and weekend rate from **199 €** with breakfast and all taxes included.



IT'S THE SEASON FOR OUR FABULOUS CHRISTMAS MARKETS: The Stanhope, in the heart of the European district, offers the rate of **99 €** on weekends and everyday from December 18 to 28, 2009 (breakfast included). The Bristol Stephanie, on the Avenue Louise, the shopping district, presents an Xmas package from **169 €** with breakfast, chocolate and Christmas Kit included. The Plaza Hotel, built in 1930 in the center of Brussels, has winter fun rates from **175 €** with breakfast, ice skating, beers and hot chocolate from November 27th to December 28th, 2008. The Dominican Hotel, located near the Opera House, allures guest with a room rate starting at **119 €** including breakfast and taxes, and a Christmas package from **197 €**.



AND MORE CHOICES: The Crown Plaza Brussels ideally situated just a short walk from the Grand Place, offers a " Time for Art Nouveau" package from **156 €** with breakfast and dinner. The Warwick Barsey located on the prestigious Avenue Louise, in Brussels' fashionable shopping area boasts, a Christmas package from **185 €** & includes breakfast, chocolate and a welcome drink. The Royal Windsor, a member of the *Leading Hotels of the World*, offers its own Christmas package from **185 €** with breakfast, chocolate, a welcome drink and free access to the fitness center and sauna room.



JANUARY BRINGS THE ANNUAL ANTIQUES AND FINE ART FAIR: The 54th Brussels Antiques & Fine Arts Fair (BRAFA), Belgium's oldest and most important antiques fair, will take place from **January 23rd to February 1st, 2009** at the Tour & Taxis site in Brussels. The Hotel des Colonies, will offer a special rate from **95 €**. The Plaza Hotel will have the rate of **110 €** during the weekend and **170 €** during the week. The Radisson Hotel presents a rate from **109 €** during the weekend and **209 €** during the week. The Conrad Brussels will offer a week-end rate of **199 €**. The Hotel Amigo, a Rocco Forte Collection Hotel and 3rd best hotel in Europe (Travel and Leisure World Best Award 2008), will offer preferred rates as from **189 €** for the period of December 12 to February 28, 2009 .

IN 2009 BELGIUM IS THE PLACE TO BE :

On June 2, 2009, the long awaited Magritte Museum will open its doors. Located in the center of Brussels, the museum will bring together more than 150 works by the world



famous surrealist painter. A new museum dedicated to **Herge**, the father of **Tintin**, will open in 2009, located outside Brussels in Louvain-la-Neuve, in time to continue celebrating the **Year of the Comic Strip** in Brussels and French Speaking Belgium. Tintin, the Smurfs, Spirou, Lucky Luke, Gaston Lagaffe, Boule & Bill will be honored all year long with many exhibitions and other events. Also in 2009, Liege's **Grand Curtius Museum** (including the famous Arms Museum) will reopen; Liege is easy to access thanks to the new train station designed by **Santiago Calatrava** (1 hour from Brussels).

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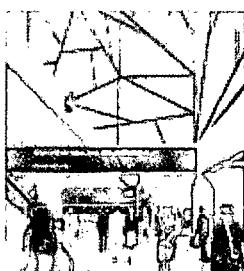
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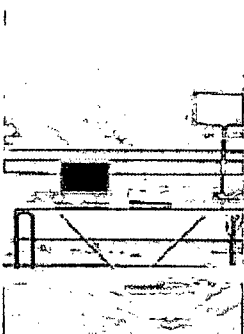
SEVEN GOOD REASONS TO CHOOSE BRUSSELS **Brussels Art de Vivre:** friendly and relaxed true European village, 24 city parks, cuisine renowned worldwide, Belgian chocolate, beer and food specialties. **So accessible and compact:** easy to get to by air, road and rail, easy to get around in, by foot and public transportation. **Choice of meeting facilities:** wide variety of venues for 10 to 10,000 persons, world class meeting & exhibition centers, wide selection of hotels. **The heart of Europe:** leading conference city, political and commercial center, home of the European commission and NATO. **Professional services and value for money:** complete range of support and creative services, translation services in all 22 languages of the expanded EU, outstanding catering quality. **Cosmopolitan and diverse city:** multicultural & multilingual, lively with exciting night life and entertainment, animated with local festivals, folklore and exhibitions. **Brussels yours to discover:** City of fashion & design, historical splendor, 85 museums and Art Nouveau.



OPENING OF " SQUARE" ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2009 : Once known as the Congress Center of Brussels, " Square", a completely renovated venue next to the Grand Place on Mont des Arts, in the center of Brussels, will offer 108,000 square feet of polyvalent rooms, including 3 auditoria, 2 conference rooms, 20 high-tech meeting rooms, a modular hall of 43,000 square feet and an exclusive top-floor event room; a venue suitable for every type of meeting, whether it be an international conference gala dinner or product presentation! SQUARE, originally constructed for the 1959 world's fair was remodeled using state of the art technology for the 21st century.

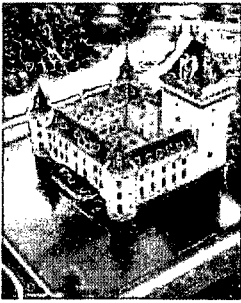


OPENING OF THE MAGRITTE MUSEUM ON JUNE 2ND, 2009: Magritte, the 20th century's most celebrated Belgian surrealist painter will have his own museum in Brussels. Located on the Place Royale, walking distance from the Grand' Place, the Musical Instrument Museum and the Royal Palace, the museum will hold 200 works, the largest collection of Magritte paintings, plus archival material, letters written by the painter, photographs and drawings. It was imperative for Belgium to recognize Magritte, as one of their own, a celebrity in the art world, with the Magritte museum opening in, of course, the most important Belgian city, Brussels. Whether you are an art lover or not, this museum is guaranteed to wow you. Inspired by both the bizarre and the absurd, Magritte evokes a wide spectrum of themes to entice the observer. The museum will be available for special events.

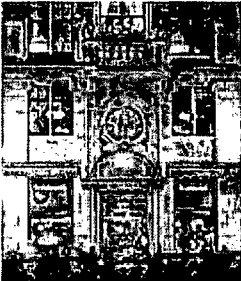


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BELGIUM IS WELL-CONNECTED:

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VEMEX	Los Angeles	October 30,2008
VEMEX	New York	November 06,2008
USTOA	Palm Desert	December 3-5, 2008

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Brussels- Probook	100
Welcome Brussels airport	100
Brussels - Timetable winter 2008-2009	100
Belgium - Luxembourg - Youth Hostels	100
Square - Brussels meeting centre	100
Belgium - where fun is always in fashion	2500
Belgium brings style to meetings and convention	2500
Welcome to Belgium	6000

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Small country, big... art, castles, culture, cathedrals, festivals, beer, waffles, shopping, fun and mandatory chocolates!

Did you know?

Brussels is the Capital of Belgium and the headquarters of the **European Union** and NATO, no wonder **English** is widely spoken.

Brussels is still **less expensive** than London, Paris, Amsterdam and most western European capitals.

2000 CHOCOLATE SHOPS

There is a wide range of accommodations to choose from in Brussels, with particularly **good rates** available on week-ends.

500 TYPES OF BEER

From comics to music and from gothic to surreal Magritte, Brussels offers more than **80 museums** covering every imaginable topic.

20+ MUSEUMS

Jazz has been a strong feature of Brussels' night life since the 1920s and year-round live jazz sessions can be found at a cluster of venues. **The saxophone** was invented in Dinant, Belgium in 1846.

35 UNESCO WORLD HERITAGES

There are more **castles** per square mile in Belgium than anywhere in the world.

28 CASTLES

Weekend **antiquing** is the sport of kings at the antique markets open every weekend, at the Grand Sablon and Place du Jeu de Balle in Brussels and all around Belgium.

Brussels is the capital of **Art Nouveau** with more than **500 buildings** that are fully or partially Art Nouveau.

You can delight in **chocolates**, munch on Belgian **fries**, savor fresh **mussels** and drink a diverse variety of **beer**.

2009

THE YEAR OF COMIC STRIP

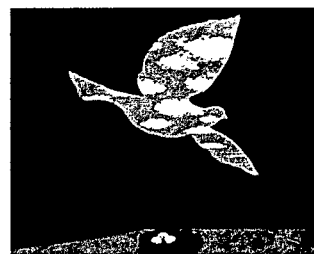
Belgium is the homeland of the comic strip: Tintin, the Smurfs, Spirou, Lucky Luke, Gaston Lagaffe, Boule & Bill — they will be honored all year long

www.brusselscomics.be



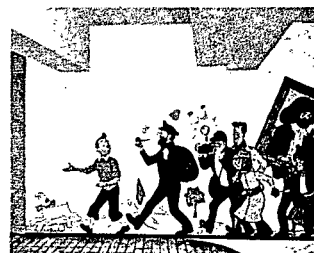
June 2009 New: Opening of the Magritte Museum

Housed in a neo-classical building, part of the Museum Art complex on the Place Royale, in the center of Brussels, the museum brings together more than **150 works** by the world famous surrealist painter www.visitbelgium.com



May 2009 New: Opening of the Hergé Museum

Hergé, father of **Tintin**, will have his own museum at Louvain-la-Neuve, outside Brussels. This new and modern building has been designed by Christian de Pontzamparc



Spring 2009 Reopening of the Grand Curtius Museum

Liège's complex museum (it contains the famous **Arms Museum**) will open in Spring. Liège's new train station designed by architect **Santiago Calatrava** is easy to access



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BEYOND BRUSSELS

BASTOGNE

Site of the battle of the Bulge (winter of 1944-45) www.si-bastogne.be

WATERLOO

At the gates of Brussels, site of the famous battle www.waterloo1815.be

LIÈGE

Ardennes' largest city, visit the Palais des Evêques, one of the largest gothic buildings in Europe www.liege.be

SPA

Mother of all spas, fine examples of early 20th century spa town architecture www.spa-info.be

NAMUR

Romantic town with its citadel overlooking the River Meuse www.namur.be

TOURNAI

A 2,000 years old town with an outstanding gothic cathedral www.tournai.be

BOUILLON

Medieval city dominated by the feudal Castle of Godefroid, leader of the first crusade www.info-bouillon.co.uk

DINANT

The famous caves of Han are close to this city, known for its citadel and cathedral www.dinant.be

MONS

Once a roman camp and town of tradition with the celebration of "Lumecon" and "Le Car d'Or" www.paysdemon.be

ORVAL

Home to 25 Trappist monks who produce bread, cheese and some of the best Trappist beers www.orval.be

DURBUY

The smallest city in the world www.ourthe-et-aisne.be

CASTLES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Castles of Veves, Seneffe (exhibitions & gardens), Modave, Lavaux Ste-Anne, Jehay, Freyr (& gardens), Chimay, Beloeil (& gardens), Attre, Antoing, Trazegnies and Annevoie (& gardens). Check for opening time: www.visitbelgium.com/gardens.htm

HIGHLIGHTS

Atomium

Built in 1958 for the Universal Exhibition Brussels, www.atomium.be

Royal Greenhouses open to the public

Brussels, from April through beginning of May

Flower Carpet on the Grand Place

Brussels, every other year in august www.flowercarpet.be

Biennal Art Nouveau

Brussels, every other year in october www.bruxellesartnouveau.be

Royal Palace open to the public

Brussels, from end of July through mid-september

Christmas markets

Brussels and all over Wallonia in December www.plaisirsdhiver.be

HISTORICAL EVENTS

FAT TUESDAY

Binche: Carnival

MARCH

Stavelot: Carnival of the Blancs-Moussis

Mons: Ducasse of Messines

GOOD FRIDAY

Tournai: Annual Flower Market

MAY

Mons: Doudou, Procession of the Golden carriage

Brussels: Zinneke Parade

JUNE

Waterloo: Napoleonic Bivouacs reanactement

JULY

Brussels: Ommegang Pageant

AUGUST

La Roche en Ardenne: Medieval week-end

Brussels: Planting of the Maytree

Castle of Seneffe: Flower Carpet

Ath: Procession of the Giants & Ducasse

Brussels: Flower Carpet

SEPTEMBER

Saint-Hubert: Historical parade

Tournai: Grand Historical Procession

NOVEMBER

Saint-Hubert: Feast of the Patron Saint

Bouillon: Festival and Procession of Saint-Eloi

MUSIC

APRIL

Ars Musica, also known as "the spring of contemporary music." Brussels, www.arsmusica.be

MAY

Botanique Nights, reggae, world music, electro & rock. Brussels, www.botanique.be

Queen Elisabeth of Belgium International Music Competition. Brussels, www.cmireb.be/en/

Festival des Arts, Brussels.

www.kunstenfestivaldesarts.be

Jazz Marathon Week-end, 125 free concerts and 450 musicians. Brussels.

www.brusselsjazzmarathon.be

International Jazz Festival, Liège. www.jazzaliege.be

JUNE

Music Village Jazz Concerts, 12 jazz nights with live music. Brussels, www.musicvillage.com

Couleur Café, music from the Carribbean, Africa & Latin America. Brussels, www.couleurcafe.be

Verdur International Rock Festival, Namur.

www.verdur-rock.be

JUNE/OCTOBER

Wallonia Music festival with more than 500 free concerts, www.festivaldewallonie.be

JULY

Brosella Folk & Jazz, free festival staged in a park at the Atomium. Brussels, www.brosella.be

Musica Mundi, chamber music for young musicians. Wallonia, www.musicamundi.org

Francofolies, the biggest names in French song. Spa, www.francofolies.be

Alternative Music Festival, 4 days, 6 stages, 240 groups and DJ's. Dour, www.dourfestival.be

Dinant Jazz Nights : international jazz festival www.dinantjazznights.org

AUGUST

Night of Music at Chateau of Beloeil: "concert walk"

Summer Festival, more than 280 free concerts with a diverse range of music. Brussels.

www.infofestival.be

SEPTEMBER

Festival of Baroque Music at Chateau of Chimay: www.chateaudechimay.com

ALL YEAR

Bozar, www.bozar.be

Music Village, www.musicvillage.com

Forest National, www.forestnational.be

calendar

René Magritte

Image on right: *L'Empire des lumières*, 1954, huile sur toile, 146 x 114 cm

Cover Page Image: *Le Retour*, 1940, huile sur toile, 50 x 65 cm

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ANTIQUES

JANUARY

Antiques and Fine Arts Fair, Brussels
www.antiques-fair.be

MAY

Eurantica, Brussels. www.eurantica.be

JUNE

Ancient Art Fair, Brussels. www.baaf.be
Oriental Art Fair, Brussels. www.boafair.be

AUGUST

International Flea Market, Temploux (Namur)

JUST FOR FUN

MARCH

Night of the Brussels Museums: 10 museums open from 8:00 pm to 1:00 am

MAY

Belgian Lesbian & Gay Pride, www.blgp.be

Iris Day, Brussels, www.fetedeliris.be

Festival of the fairground arts, Namur
www.namurenmai.be

JULY

Fair of Libramont : huge green rural festival where the past and the present come together, www.foiredelibramont.com

JULY-AUGUST

Brussels Beach, www.bruxelleslesbains.be

JULY 21

National Holiday - Fireworks

AUGUST 15

International Bathtub Regatta, Dinant

SEPTEMBER

Heritage Day, Brussels and Wallonia

Sleepless Night, Brussels

A Sunday Without Car, Brussels

BEER

MAY

Beer Festival, Mons

Beer Festival, Exchange Fair & Flea Market, Lustin

JULY

Meeting of the Breweries, Hotton

SEPTEMBER

Belgian Beer Week-end, Brussels
www.weekenddelabiere.be

Bruxellensis Festival, Brussels
www.festivalbruxellensis.be

FILM FESTIVALS

JANUARY

Gay & Lesbian Film festival, Brussels, www.fglb.org

FEBRUARY

Anima Film Festival, Brussels, www.anima2008.be

International Love Film Festival, Mons
www.festival-film-amour.be

MARCH-APRIL

Festival of Fantastic Film, Brussels, www.bifff.org

APRIL-MAY

Shortfilm Festival, Brussels, www.courtmetrage.be

JUNE/JULY

European Film Festival, Brussels, www.fffb.be

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

International French-Language Film Festival
Namur, www.fiff.be

SPORTS EVENTS

APRIL

"Liège-Bastogne-Liège", International Cycle Race

"The Flèche Wallone", International Cycle Race, Charleroi

SEPTEMBER

Ivo Van Damme Memorial (Track & Field), Brussels

Grand Prix of Belgium, Formule 1 Race
Spa, www.spa-francorchamps.be

OCTOBER

Brussels Marathon

COMIC STRIP

2009: Year of the

Comic Strip in Brussels

and French Speaking

Southern Belgium

www.brusselscomics.com

MAY

Comic Strips Fortnight
Brussels.

OCTOBER

Comic Strip and
Children book, Arlon
www.arlonbd.be

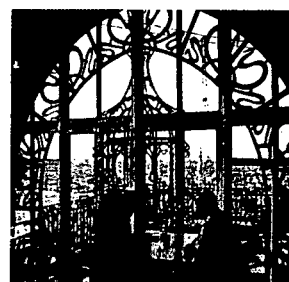
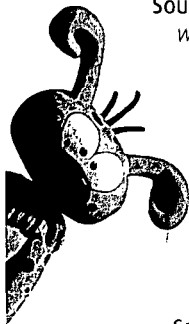
Comic Strips Festival

Saint-Gilles

www.comicsfestivalbelgium.com

ALL YEAR

Comic Strip Museum open everyday (except
mondays). Brussels, www.cbbd.be



For more information

www.visitbelgium.com/calendar.htm

www.opt.be

www.bitc.be



ORIGINAL VENUES

Atomium: astonishing structure celebrating its 50th anniversary. www.atomium.be

The Belgian Comic Strip Center: a gem of Art Nouveau offers, for visitors, comic strip exhibitions and for meeting planners, humoristic surroundings. Meeting rooms are available all year around for dinners, cocktail, parties. www.cbdd.be

BOZAR (Brussels centre for Fine Arts) built by Art Nouveau architect Victor Horta. www.bozar.be

Cantillon: family brewery and the only one left in Brussels www.cantillon.be

The Cureghem Cellars: cozy or large-scale, intimate or hallucinating, for 100 guests or 15,000 visitors. www.abatan.be

Concert Noble: located in the heart of Brussels, this exclusive venue was built in 1873. www.concertnoble.com

Horta House: built between 1896 and 1898 in Art Nouveau style by Victor Horta. www.hortamuseum.be

Musee Van Buuren: little Art Nouveau gem built in 1928 to showcase an art collection. www.museumvanbuuren.com

Museum of Natural Sciences: newly renovated, Europe's largest dinosaur gallery. www.naturalsciences.be

Musical Instruments Museum: lovely setting for this museum founded in 1877, combining Art Nouveau of the former Old England store and the neoclassic style of the Guimard building. www.mim.fgov.be

N 19 Grand'Place: new and ideal for corporate entertaining with a view on the Grand'Place. www.chouxdebruxelles.be

Royal Museums of Fine Arts: rich and various collections of fine arts ranging from the 14th century to the present day. www.fine-arts-museum.be

Solvay: one of Belgium's finest examples of Art Nouveau and a very prestigious venue. www.bibliothequesolvay.be

Theatre de Vaudeville: majestic venue, restored recently, classed as an historic monument. www.chouxdebruxelles.be

NEW AND LARGE VENUES IN BRUSSELS

Square (formerly Palais des Congres), reopening in September 2009. Three auditoria (seating up to 1,200), 2 conference rooms, 20 high-tech meeting rooms, a hall for receptions, dinners, fairs and an exclusive top floor event floor (with breathtaking views) www.square-brussels.eu

MCE (Management Centre Europe) offers an exhibition area from 7 to 700 participants and 38 meeting rooms. www.mce.be

Dolce Hotel: 25 meeting rooms, surrounded by 178 acres of forest and less than 10 miles away from Brussels. www.dolce.com

GETTING TO BELGIUM-BRUSSELS

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Delta Airlines

New York (JFK)

Atlanta (ATL)

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Toronto (YYZ)

Continental Airlines

Newark (EWR)

United Airlines

Washington DC (IAD)

US Airways

Philadelphia (PHL)

TRAIN

Eurostar

London

(111 minutes)

Thalys

Paris

(85 minutes)

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For information on trains and rail passes:

www.raileurope.com

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www.1800flyeurope.com

www.americanexpressvacations.com

www.clubabc.com

www.eetravel.com

www.gate1travel.com

www.generaltours.com

www.globusandcosmos.com

www.imagetours.com

www.tauck.com

www.bits-dmc.be (Virtuoso specialist in Belgium)

www.booktravelbound.com (via travel agents)

STAYING IN BRUSSELS

Brussels is home to 145 hotels with 15,000 rooms. Listed below, a selection of new hotels:

Be Manos: www.bemanos.be

Hotel Bloom: www.hotelbloom.be

Dolce La Hulpe: <http://lahulpe.dolce.com>

Dominican Brussels: www.dominican.be

Martin's Central Park: www.martins-hotel.com

Progress Hotel: www.progresshotel.be

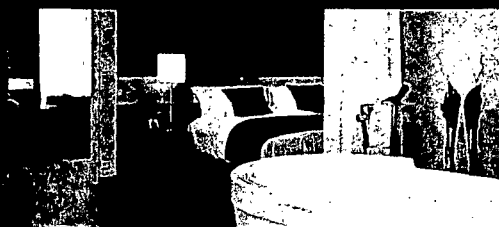
Hotel Orts: www.hotelorts.be

Sofitel Europe Brussels: www.sofitel.com

White Hotel: www.thewhitehotel.be

For Weekend and Summer special rates

www.visitbelgium.com/special.htm



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